



Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it contains a valid OMB control number.

|   |   |    |   |                          |                           |
|---|---|----|---|--------------------------|---------------------------|
| Substitute for form 1449A/B/PTO   |   |    |   | <b>Complete if Known</b> |                           |
| <b>INFORMATION DISCLOSURE<br/>STATEMENT BY APPLICANT</b><br><br>(Use as many sheets as necessary) |   |    |   | Application Number       | 10/730,894-Conf. #5198    |
|   |   |    |   | Filing Date              | December 10, 2003         |
|   |   |    |   | First Named Inventor     | Ernesto Frassinelli       |
|   |   |    |   | Art Unit                 | 3634 3765                 |
|   |   |    |   | Examiner Name            | Not Yet Assigned G. Welch |
| Sheet   | 1 | of | 1 | Attorney Docket Number   | 22106-00050-US            |

| U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS |                          |   |                                |  |   |
|-----------------------|--------------------------|---|--------------------------------|--|---|
| Examiner<br>Initials* | Cite<br>No. <sup>1</sup> | Document Number<br>Number-Kind Code <sup>2</sup> (if known) | Publication Date<br>MM-DD-YYYY | Name of Patentee or<br>Applicant of Cited Document | Pages, Columns, Lines, Where<br>Relevant Passages or Relevant<br>Figures Appear |
|                       |                          |   |                                |  |   |

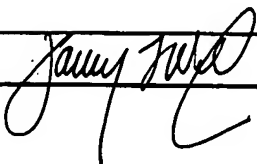
| FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS |                          |   |  |                                   |  |  |                |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|---|--|-----------------------------------|--|--|----------------|
| Examiner<br>Initials*    | Cite<br>No. <sup>1</sup> | Foreign Patent Document   |  | Publication<br>Date<br>MM-DD-YYYY | Name of Patentee or<br>Applicant of Cited Document | Pages, Columns, Lines,<br>Where Relevant<br>Passages or Relevant<br>Figures Appear | T <sup>3</sup> |
|                          |                          | Country Code <sup>3</sup> -Number <sup>4</sup> -Kind Code <sup>5</sup> (if known) |  |                                   |  |  |                |
| GLW<br>↓                 |                          | GB 2 262 224  |  | 6-16-1993                         | Chen Hsin Hui                                      |  | ✓              |
|                          |                          | FR 636 467 A  |  | 4-10-1928                         | Societe Veuve G Maison Et Fils                     |  |                |
|                          |                          | DE 200 08 718 U1  |  | 9-21-2000                         | Braitrim Deutschland Gmbh                          |  |                |
|                          |                          | DE 297 10 306 U   |  | 8-14-1997                         | Braitrim UK Ltd                                    |  |                |

\*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant. <sup>1</sup> Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). <sup>2</sup> See Kinds Codes of USPTO Patent Documents at [www.uspto.gov](http://www.uspto.gov) or MPEP 901.04. <sup>3</sup> Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST.3). <sup>4</sup> For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. <sup>5</sup> Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST. 16 if possible. <sup>6</sup> Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.

| NON PATENT LITERATURE DOCUMENTS |                          |   |                |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------|---|----------------|
| Examiner<br>Initials*           | Cite<br>No. <sup>1</sup> | Include name of the author (in CAPITAL LETTERS), title of the article (when appropriate), title of the item (book, magazine, journal, serial, symposium, catalog, etc.), date, page(s), volume-issue number(s), publisher, city and/or country where published. | T <sup>2</sup> |
| GLW                             |                          | European Search Report in corresponding European Patent Application EP 03 07 8823 dated April 6, 2004.  |                |

\*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.

<sup>1</sup> Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). <sup>2</sup> Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.

|                       |   |                    |         |
|-----------------------|---|--------------------|---------|
| Examiner<br>Signature |  | Date<br>Considered | 9/23/05 |
|-----------------------|---|--------------------|---------|